

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
MAY 31, 2012

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:30PM in the Selectmen's Room.

Present were Carmin C. Reiss, Chair; Jeffrey Wieand, Clerk; Stanly E. Black, Steven Ng, and Elise F. Woodward,. Also present was Christopher Whelan, Town Manager.

Ms. Reiss called the Meeting to Order and announced that it is being recorded.

Call to Order

SCHOOL COMMITTEE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SC Transportation Committee

Ms. Reiss announced that the School Committee has requested that a Selectman and the Town Manager participate in the School Committee's committee to search for solutions to school transportation. This is not the Town Meeting approved committee.

School Committee Chair Maureen Spada distributed copies of the School Committee Transportation Committee Charge and summarized the contents. Ms. Spada stated that the School Committee is looking at public and private properties where the bus facility may be located, but the high school property has been ruled out by the Regional School Committee. The School Committee wants to work with other Town Boards and Committees, including the Citizen Transportation Committee, parents, students, and other stakeholders and hopes for the participation of the Selectmen and Town Manager.

Discussion included: it would make more sense for a Selectman to act as a liaison and not a voting member; the Town Manager could contribute his knowledge of Town-owned land as requested; Ms. Spada stated that Carlisle has no interest in participation and the school committee goal is to maximize the benefit of the new high school building without jeopardizing the schedule of that \$92MM project by trying to accommodate bus storage; Ripley, Sanborn and other school properties are included; a bus facility is specifically excluded from the MSBA contract for the high school project; the School Committee has not stated a preference at this point, but Carlisle is in favor of outsourcing; Carlisle is unwilling to bear the capital costs of the transportation facility; Carlisle made no contribution to the existing facility; statutes require the School Committee to provide transportation; there is no role for either the Town Manager or the Board of Selectmen in the determinations related to bus services; the Selectmen will be better able to provide guidance regarding any Article brought to Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting if it has not participated in development of any proposal.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen could best serve the Town as observers to the process. Perhaps the School Committee could turn to a former Solar Siting Committee member for insights into town-owned properties.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Lisa Bergen of College Rd. stated that she was the Chair of the Citizen's Transportation Committee and agreed that the goal is to recommend what is best for the system. There will be open discussion and the Committee will make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen in the future. Mr. Wieand stated that the Town Meeting-appointed Committee should focus on the very specific mission approved by Town Meeting. Ms. Bergen stated that she has met with the Moderator as well as Ms. Spada and that the Committee wants to move forward in a very positive way.

Ray Hanselman of Deacon Haynes Rd. stated that public could be confused with two transportation-focused committees. In addition, other high school building project activities are ongoing and citizens are wondering what is going on.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Open Session and enter into Executive Session to consider matters of Collective Bargaining not to return to Open Session.

Stanly E. Black	Aye
Steven Ng	Aye
Carmin C. Reiss	Aye
Jeffrey S. Wieand	Aye
Elise F. Woodward	Aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffery S. Wieand, Clerk